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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tomonobu TAKASHIMA et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2665

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For:

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 24, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on October 24, 2006. A Petition for a 2-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to December 26, 2006 (December 24, 2006 being a Sunday and December 25, 2006 being a holiday).

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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